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ABSTRACT: The aim of this investigation was to obtain information on the need for and utilization of legal aid and legal advice. A few crime-related questions were also included. In the survey among black people data were also collected on the extent of and circumstances under which black people were the victims of crime. It was undertaken on the instructions of the Legal Aid Council by the Institute for Sociological, Demographic and Criminological Research of the HSRC.

METHODOLOGY:
Whites: The 1982 postal panel of the OSC was used to collect data among white people. The sample was drawn by sending random invitations to 5000 people on the 1981 voters' roll to take part in periodic postal questionnaire surveys. During 1982 the procedure was repeated. After screening, a panel of about 3000 members was constituted from these respondents. As compensation and incentive the panel members either received a subscription to a magazine of their aid for by the HSRC, or they came into consideration for prizes of bonus bond certificates if their questionnaires reached the OSC by a specified date.

Coloured and Indian: The standard coloured and Indian co-workers' panels of the OSC of the HSRC were used. The samples were drawn countrywide but did not include non-urban areas (farms and smallholdings). A procedure of cluster sampling in randomly selected regions, magisterial districts and enumerator subdistricts was used. Questionnaires were completed by means of interviews.

Blacks: A sample of 2500 people was drawn from the black residential areas in the magisterial districts of the PWV (Pretoria Witwatersrand & Vereeniging) area. The survey was undertaken by conducting interviews on the basis of questionnaires and was carried out by the Opinion Survey Centre (OSC) of the HSRC.

DATE OF RESEARCH: February 1983 (Blacks); May 1983 (Indians); May 1983 (Coloureds); June 1983 (Whites)

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 4 data files in SPSS and machine-readable documentation and questionnaire.

Part 1 White
Number of cases: 1 778
Number of records: 3 556
Number of records per case: 2
Logical record length: 80
Number of variables: 83
Number of kilobytes: 198 KB

Part 2 Indian
Number of cases: 1 439
Number of records: 2 878
Number of records per case: 2
Logical record length: 80
Number of variables: 92
Number of kilobytes: 159 KB

Part 3 Coloured
Number of cases: 1 208
Number of records         2 416
Number of records per case:   2
Logical record length:       80
Number of variables:         92
Number of kilobytes:        155 KB

Part 4 Black
Number of cases:          1 120
Number of records         2 240
Number of records per case:   2
Logical record length:       80
Number of variables:         88
Number of kilobytes:        150 KB

NOTE:
The Indian and the Coloured groups share the same questionnaire. The only difference between the two is that each group is asked a different language question.

Part 1 data (white) has undocumented data in record 2, columns 49-56 as well as a third undocumented record.

Parts 2, 3, and 4 data (Indian, coloured, and black) have undocumented data in record 2, columns 56-62

PUBLICATIONS:
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